

# ALAMANCE COUNTY HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 19, 2013

6:00 p.m., Board of County Commissioners Room

## **Members Present**

Pat Bailey  
John Braxton  
Rodney Cheek  
Bryan Dalton  
Marti Friddle, *Chair*  
David Mickey  
Gale Pettiford  
Jennifer Talley

## **Members Absent**

Jimmy Ray Cobb Jr.  
Ida Stephens

## **Staff Present**

Jason Martin,  
*Planning Director*  
Aspen Price, *Planner*

## **Guests Present**

None

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Marti Friddle called the November 19, 2013 meeting of the Alamance County Historic Properties Commission to order at approximately 6:07 p.m.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Price noted that she had received edits that Mr. Mickey was not present at the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, and that Ms. Stephens is not the current Vice Chair. Ms. Bailey added that "Dickson Mill" should be "Dixon Mill." There were no additional changes.

**Motion:** Mr. Dalton made a motion to approve the April 16, 2013 and September 17, 2013 minutes as amended; it was seconded by Mr. Cheek

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

### **III. New Business**

**Presentation on Historic Properties Inventory:** Ms. Price gave a presentation on the purpose and jurisdiction of the HPC and the inventory of local landmarks, national register listings, and historic markers. Ms. Talley asked what the status of the White Furniture Factory is, since they had asked for a tax credit from the state but did not follow through on the project. Mr. Martin stated that he knows there are still plans to do something with that site. Ms. Talley added that two months ago the same group that is working on the White Furniture Factory came to the City of Graham and requested to do the same project here on the Oneida Mill. She asked, since that is outside of the Graham downtown Historic District, if they would be coming to this Commission for historic renovation permits. Ms. Price offered to talk with Melissa Guilbeau at the City of Graham about that project. Ms. Price continued the presentation, going over potential projects that she has heard HPC members express interest in, including a cemetery project and creating a preservation plan. Ms. Talley suggested that when the Commission starts the cemetery project that they coordinate with the City of Graham, who started the Linwood Cemetery Project this year.

Board Member Notebooks: Ms. Price and Mr. Martin passed out notebooks for the members. Ms. Price went over the notebook contents. She noted that Cari Hopson, a previous planner, had created a database of historic properties and was the one who created the Historic Sites GIS layer, but that it had not really been updated since then. She asked the commission members to point out inaccuracies that they found, and that she would be glad to make edits in the database.

#### **IV. Announcements & Updates**

##### Staff Updates:

Ms. Price stated that this year John Braxton, Marti Friddle, and Eric Richardson's terms are expiring. Mr. Braxton and Ms. Friddle agreed to serve for another term. Ms. Price added that Mr. Richardson had submitted his official resignation from the commission, so they had one vacancy. She asked the commissioners to send anyone who may be interested her way, and that it would be particularly good to find residents from Faucette, Haw River, Morton, Melville, or Thompson townships, as those townships are currently not represented on the board.

The commission discussed plans for the annual Christmas Dinner. Ms. Talley suggested that Ms. Price contact the Captain James White House for available dates and bring those back to the board. They made several suggestions for caterers.

Ms. Price provided follow-up on the John Allen House, which was brought up by Mr. Mickey at the September meeting, who at the time had noted that a tree had fallen on the house and he had heard that the property owners had plans to demolish the house. He had asked if the commission had any power to prevent demolition. Ms. Price showed the commission the location and inventory information on the house, and stated that it is not a local landmark, so the commission cannot prevent its demolition. Ms. Bailey added that the Dollar General was coming to Snow Camp Crossroads. Ms. Price clarified that the Dollar General was being constructed on the lot next to the John Allen House. Ms. Talley suggested that as a commission they could write a letter to the property owner and show their concern for the demolition. Ms. Bailey stated that to her knowledge the owners are deceased.

Ms. Price noted that at the April meeting there was discussion about putting up a marker for the Eli Whitney Cotton Gin, and Mr. Cheek had offered to conduct interviews with community members and had asked the commission to come up with questions they wanted answered. Ms. Price stated that if the commission could come up with a list of questions she and Mr. Cheek could start doing research. Ms. Bailey stated that Edith Mabel said that it had started in Uncle Cal Thompson's Cotton Gin, and suggested that a deed search be done on Cal or Calvin Thompson. Ms. Price offered that she and Mr. Cheek would conduct research and bring something back for the commission to review.

Commissioner Announcements: Chair Friddle opened the floor for announcements. There were none.

#### **V. Adjournment**

With no further matters to discuss, the ACHPC meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aspen Price". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aspen Price  
Clerk to Alamance County Historic Properties Commission